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A GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

Two months have passed since the employees of the three large mining companies in the district obeyed the strike order of the organizers of the Western Federation of Miners.

With the exception of the electric light plants not a wheel has turned since that time in the entire district; approximately five thousand men have remained in idleness and at the end of the sixty day period the financial loss to each and everyone is being keenly realized. Already the loss in wages alone is a million dollars and the loss to the mining companies is several times that amount, while the independent business man, together with his force of employees, has been proportionately affected.

The outlook for an immediate settlement of the strike is not hopeful to say the least, unless perchance, Hywell Davies, of Lexington, Ky., the official conciliator of the Department of Labor, who is now in El Paso, may work out some plan which will be acceptable to employers and former employees. In the beginning, however, Mr. Davies makes it plain that he has not come to the Southwest as a mediator.

At the end of the second month, as it was in the beginning, the stumbling block between the former employees and the mine managers is the Western Federation of Miners and its organizers. Both the Western Federation and the mine managers are fully alive to the significance of the result of the labor troubles in this district, and unfortunately for all concerned, the indications are at the present writing that the contest will go to a finish and the Clifton-Morenci district has been selected as the battle ground.

The duration of the strike apparently depends now upon the determination of the mine managers to stand by their last statement and the ability of the Western Federation of Miners to secure sufficient financial assistance from allied organizations to prolong the struggle indefinitely. Such is the situation. Gloomy, to say the least.

EIGHTY PER CENT LAW.

As expected the Eighty Per Cent Law initiated in Arizona at the last election has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States on the broad ground that it was in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. The case went to the Supreme Court from Cochise county, and was brought by a foreigner who had been discharged under the provisions of the newly initiated law, which prohibited the employment by any employer of more than twenty per cent of employees who were not qualified electors. The Supreme court in substance said no state has the right to prohibit a person from earning a livelihood after that person has been legally admitted into this country under the immigration laws of our own making. The Eighty Per Cent Law was a striking example of vicious legislation under the initiative system regardless of the constitutional rights of others. But the Constitution of the United States still lives, a guarantee against oppression, and an assurance that no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

A large contingent of the National Guard was recalled from the district this week on orders from the Governor. The training in camp was probably useful to the militiamen and may be valuable experience to them sometime, elsewhere, when they are called upon to perform real military duty. The Clifton incident was nothing more or less than a nice outing.

Reports from the refugee camp at Duncan is to the effect that the number is being augmented daily by from twenty to thirty arrivals from the Clifton-Morenci-Metcalf district.

BLAND DR. DUMBA.

Dr. Konstantin Theodor Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, is either an extremely innocent and childlike gentleman, or an astute diplomatic plotter who has deliberately wronged a friendly government and people.

Inasmuch as Austro-Hungary is not accustomed to intrusting important embassies to babies, it's hard to avoid the conclusion that Dr. Dumba has been bluffing along, that his sympathy and apparent good will were mere pretense, and that he has consciously betrayed the president and the American people.

Our history records no precedent for the pernicious activity in which he has admittedly been engaged. It isn't likely that Austrian history does, either.

Suppose the American ambassador at Vienna were shown, by autograph letters, to have been engaged in plans to "disorganize and hold up for months the manufacture of munitions" in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and that he blandly admitted the authenticity of the letter and defended his action. What a roar of indignation would go up in Austria! And how long would it be before the meddling ambassador got his walking papers?

INCREASE FOR DEFENSE

The administrations defense plans have been embodied in a program presented by the secretaries of war and the navy for discussion by the congressional committees in advance of the regular session of congress. The campaign for the adoption of the program opened by President Wilson in a speech before the Manhattan club of New York on November 4. The program for the first year of a five-year period of naval construction calls for two dreadnaughts, two battle cruisers, twenty-five coast submarines, five seagoing submarines, twelve destroyers, an increase of 8,000 in personnel and an augmentation by 250 of the naval academy student body. Secretary of War Garrison's program calls for the recruiting, training and equipment before 1922 of the following forces: Regular or standing army, 250,000 standing army reserve, 150,000; irregular or "continental" army of volunteers of six months training, 400,000; continental army reserve 400,000; state national guard organizations, 125,000. Total 1,200,000 men. Commodore J. Stuart Blackton, author of the photo-play "The Battle Cry of Peace," which is being shown at present in New York, Chicago, and Boston, and later, will tour the country in the "peace by preparedness" cause, says the estimated increases will cost about \$150,000,000 more than was expended last year, and that with the cost of new tasks imposed on the state governments and other branches of the government by reason of the European war, the amount of expenditures will be augmented to \$1,240,000. Commodore Blackton will devote his time, money and talent to the preparedness movement until congress takes some definite action following the warning which is so vividly set forth in "The Battle Cry of Peace."

UNION SCALE OF WAGES—HOURS

The union scale of wages and hours of labor for 93 of the principal trades of the leading cities of the United States prevailing in May, 1914, are published in Bulletin No. 171, just issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The scales shown are those of the baking, brewing and beer bottling, building, freight handling, granite and stone, metal, mill work, printing, soft-drink, and teaming trades.

The average rate of wages per week for all cities taken collectively was higher on May 1, 1913, for 75 of the trades reported, in 17 trades there was no change, and in only one trade was it lower.

Considering some of the more important trades, the following increases in weekly rates of pay between May, 1913, and May, 1914, may be noted: Bakers 2 per cent, beer bottlers 3 per cent, bricklayers 2 per cent, carpenters 1 per cent, hod carriers 1 per cent, inside wiremen 3 per cent, lathers 2 per cent, parquetry floor layers 6 per cent, plumbers and gas fitters 1 per cent, sheet-metal workers 3 per cent, stonemasons 3 per cent, stonecutters 4 per cent, structural iron workers 2 per cent, freight handlers 3 per cent, blacksmiths 2 per cent, painters (hardwood finishers) 4 per cent, electrotypers (battery men and builders) 5 per cent, electrotypers (finishers and molders) 4 per cent, compositors (book and job) 2 per cent.

Considering rates of wages per hour as distinguished from rates per week, 78 trades showed an increase, 15 no change, and for none was the rate lower.

When ordering your statute you should be sure to see that it is not made of metal capable of being converted into bullets and cartridges. Nobody can tell what will happen to it in case of international complications.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE

BISBEE CITIZEN HONORED

PHOENIX, Nov. 6.—Dr. L. D. Ricketts, of Bisbee, is the most distinguished citizen of Arizona according to a committee of twelve named by Governor Hunt to choose the citizen qualified to receive special honors at the San Francisco exposition. Each state has a similar representative.

GHASTLY CRIME.

WILLIAMS—A ghastly crime has come to light in the discovery of the body of an unknown man floating in the reservoir on the range of the Johnson Cattle company twenty miles south of here.

Large rocks were tied to the man's feet and neck and the skull of the victim was crushed in. The place where the crime was committed is over fifteen miles from any cattle camp or habitation.

NO CLUE

SAN SIMON—No clue has been obtained of the whereabouts of the lone bandit who entered the San Simon Valley bank and robbed the cashier. The affair occurred in broad daylight and the robber escaped into the hills.

The man is described as about forty-five years of age, about six feet tall, and wore a beard which is believed to be false. He was poorly dressed and was riding a bay horse.

NEW PHOENIX POSTMASTER

PHOENIX, Nov. 8.—Selim Michaelson will be appointed postmaster of Phoenix to succeed Chalmers E. Wood, whose charred body was found in the ruins of his ranch house last Sunday evening. The announcement was made tonight by Congressman Carl Hayden. He will recommend Michaelson and a recess appointment will likely be made by President Wilson immediately.

BIG CATTLE SHIPPING POINT

SELIGMAN—Over 600 cars of live stock valued at over \$1,000,000 have been shipped from Seligman in the last three months. This showing is said to be the best in Santa Fe territory and puts Seligman in the lead as a shipping point of live stock. Most of the stock shipped went to California and Colorado buyers.

COMMERCIAL BODIES ORGANIZE.

PHOENIX—Members of Commercial bodies throughout the state will attend an organization dinner to be given by the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce during Fair week for the purpose of forming a state wide organization. The meeting will be held on Nov. 18.

GILA COUNTY BONDS

GLOBE—Gila county voters will on Nov. 15, decide whether the county shall issue bonds in the amount of \$350,000 for road construction. In August the county voted a bond issue of \$500,000 but it was later declared illegal on a technicality. The paving of the Globe-Miami Highway is contemplated in case the bond issue carries.

DOUGLAS DRUGGIST GUILTY

A verdict of guilty was returned yesterday afternoon in the Federal court in the case of P. L. Smith, a Douglas druggist, who was charged with having cocaine in his possession. According to the evidence brought out by the prosecution, Smith was alleged to have sold cocaine to soldiers in the United States army; and among the witnesses was a soldier addicted to the habit, and army men who testified that certain men in their regiment were drug users.

NEW AJO RAILROAD

GILA BEND—Ten miles of the new railroad from here to Ajo have been completed and the work of constructing the remaining thirty-two miles will be rushed as fast as possible. It is planned to have the railroad completed and in operation by the first of February. The Calumet & Arizona Mining company, which is developing the largest copper property at Ajo, known as the New Cornelia mine, has set aside \$5,000,000 for development work and for the construction of a leaching plant which will be the largest in the world.

NEW MEXICO vs. COLORADO

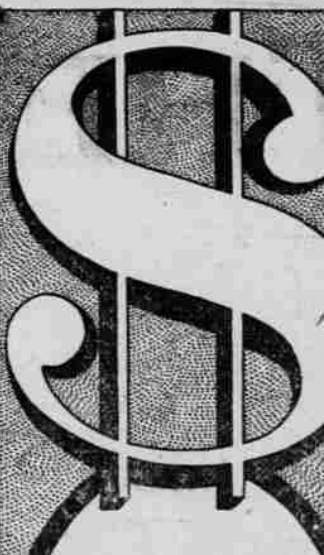
SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 6.—Gov. W. C. McDonald is convinced that New Mexico has valid claim to a three hundred and fifty mile strip, varying from half a mile to a mile wide, now claimed by the state of Colorado, along this state's northern boundary, the thirty-seventh parallel. The state will institute proceedings to secure the land, estimated to be worth several million dollars.

VICE-PRESIDENT TO OFFICIATE

PHOENIX, Nov. 5.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall will officially open the Arizona State Fair on Nov. 15. This information was given out yesterday by the secretary of the fair commission after a delegation of the commission had waited upon Mr. Marshall at his winter home at Scottsdale and conveyed the invitation. On the date of the opening the vice-president and Governor Hunt will be guests of honor and will occupy a prominent box in the grandstand.

The allies now say that they are going to make a "Big Push." Well, lots of people have been waiting for them to get in on it.

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FUNERALS ON HAND

NEW CORNELIA WILL
SPEND \$5,000,000

TUCSON, Nov. 7.—Attorney Cleon T. Knapp, of the Calumet & Arizona legal force, has returned from Tucson and Phoenix, whither he went in the interests of the New Cornelia company.

Part of the five million dollars set aside by the directors of the New Cornelia mining company, a huge development appropriation for a camp that is destined to become one of the big noises—was paid into the United States land office yesterday by Attorney Cleon T. Knapp, of Bisbee, counsel for the company. The fee, which amounted to \$2,490, was for the perfected patents to about twenty-five mining claims, owned by the company and comprising about five hundred acres.

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Meets Every Monday Night.
Visiting Brothers Cordially Invited.
Geo. S. Robertson, N. G.
W. TAPPIN, Secretary.

Century Chapter O. E. S.
No. 10.



Meets the second and fourth
Thursday evenings of each
month, except July and Au-
gust. Visiting members cor-
dially invited.
LAURA WHITACRE,
JAS. S. GROMB, Sec'y.


**Evening Star Rebekah
Lodge No. 15.**

Meets first and third Tuesday
evenings of each month. Vis-
iting members cordially invited.
JANET ROBERTSON, Noble Grand.
ELIZABETH TAPPIN, Sec'y.

MESQUITE CAMP No. 19

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Meets each second and fourth Wed-
nesday night at Masonic Hall. Vis-
iting members extended a cordial wel-
come.
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No. 10
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Meets the first and third
Thursday evenings, and the
second and fourth Thursday
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iting Members extended a cordial wel-
come.
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LIZZIE AWALT, Clerk.

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September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
December 18th
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THOMAS SMITH, Secretary.